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Strange and Wounderfull

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RELATION

OF the Assembling of the Crows of *England Scotlad and Ireland* near, *Berwick-upon Tweed*, at which time was Fought the most Bloody Battle, never heretofore heard off, in which Battle so many thousands were kill'd that few Remain'd alive; And these mortaly Wounded and their Wings Pluck'd

Asalso then appeared *Thomas Rymer*, in whichhe poretells strange things that shall happen in the Letter end of this Year or the begning of the next, to the great Comfor of *all Britain* and *Ireland*

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Astonge and wonderfu ll Relation of the Crows who contred in Berwick upon Tweed.

IN all the Vissitude of Time, and mutable al ations of humane Affairs, and in many of Various Dispensations of providence, as be the Death of Kings, or their being depos'd fr their Regal Power and *D*ignity, and others S ceeding them, hath very often, either been P phisied, by good Men, or signified by *Appe* on in the Elements, as by Commet Metuors Stars or the like, and all this done by Divin pointment, for none are exempted from their erable *D*etermined Fate, all presaging to K doms, Common-wealths, Cities, Families and vate Persons, plainly *D*iscovering that in this T estiel Orb, there is nothing certain but incerta and this ought to be a caution to divert us from suing after the shaddow and not foolishly forge the substance, seeing there is no Certain perm ancy in any temporal employment which brings me to the particulers, whereon I designe to i being matter of Fact as is represented.

But without *D*egression it must needs be membered that before the *D*eath of King *Charle* 2d the appearing of that Comet or Bleazing in the Air and the continuunce thereof Visible one Horizan, tho' the *E*ffects and cause the was then unknown, yet it did portend some g and sudden alteration as also in the Reign of K *James* the 2d of *E*ngland, when the Prince of O ange Landed his Army in the West of Engl he King went in *P*erson with most potent

Army of well disciplin'd Valient Men, against the Prince of Orange and when the King and his Army were advanced the length of *Salisbery*, where the Kings Court then was, and in the Market-house of the said place, was his Staue most Gloriously erected But in a few Days thereafter in a Morning about nine of the cloack. A *Day* most Clear and Calm, the Statue fel flat on its face to the Ground to the beholding of some hundreds of Officers Soldiers and other Spectators, and this undenably did presage some ominous event which accordingly happned, in his being deposed of his being deposed of his Crown and Kingdoms, likewise what Elementary Apparitions have been seen in the Air, as Armys fighting against Armys, all which have been obserued nay recorded by the wise of Penetrating Judgement neither have Citys private Famieles or Persons been exempted from tokens of this Nature.

Neither can it be Reasonably expected, that these extrordinary signs and apperations, should be so ordained or sent in vain, but that in duetime the meaning and Signification shall be fully manifested and discouered for the Ememerate, more were Superfluity for a Large Volum would not contain them.

But particularly, that good and Godly Men, have had futer events reavealed to them, is unquestionably undenyably. as can be evenced from their *Writings*, many Year s by past, which *Writings* are all yet extant. and have falen out according to Prohpysies and predictions the detale whereof I shall not enter upon; But only brifbreifly

ly mention what may confirm the kind Reader
of the verification of thismyaſſertion that he may
Gather honey from the Imbittered Herb and may
not be ſuprized at and ſuddent or the uncertain
Event.

The Prophecy of Mr. Alexander Peden late Miniſter of the Goſpell in the Weſt of Scotland, in the Yea 168
He foretold the death of King Charles the 2d.r and of all the Alterations of the Kings and Queens ſince the time to this very day now this prophecy Cannot be Supposed to be falſe or Counterfit of the principall and Originall is yet ſtill extant under the ſaid Mr. Peden own hand to be produced if needfull.

But alſo theſe is prophecid by a Jew in the year 168
then Living at the Hague, and the Copy of his prophe was ſent to London to Sr Frances Moore, wherein Declares things that ſhould come to paſs, and more particularly of the Rigne of Queen Anne, and all men may own that his prophecy is fullfilled in that particullar in many others

But that which I am now to Inſiſt upon is more and Carries along with it moſt ſtrange and wonderfu things, and may ſeem to many to be a Compoſed tho or fixion. but the truth will manifeſt it ſelf

But what is above mentioned is by way of Introduction & that the Reader may not be poſſeſſed with Incredility therefore I thought it both proper And Convenie in aſſerting the things above ſet down both for Confirmation and ſatisfaction to the Reader that they both have been, and therefore it is undenyable but that they hereafter may be

But the thing that is moſt materiall and is the

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of the Publication of this paper is that in the time of King James the sixth of Scotland and first of England there was a man, Called Thomas the Kymer not only Supposed but called a fairy, and in truth it may be so thought any Confirmed by the sequal of the story, But in all his prophetical predictions no man could chalenge him for a lyar, altho it must be Confessed that his whole book of prophecy is misteriously dark and figurative, & so dificult to the unlearned and weak Capacity to Comprehend or understand, But to those that understand it is both obvious and plain and every avticle of his Book as to thepreterit is truly fullfilled & cometo pase, But what became of him after the writing of his prophetick Book none can tell for no man ever heard of his death, But after finishing of the foresaid book, he declared to several persons in Scotland that in a little time he was to leave the Kingdom, But that he would again Return to visite Scotland, before the fullfilling of his prophecy and would farder Informe them of future events, and Accordingly on the 26 of Aprile last in Implementing of his promise he came in Bodily shape to the house of John Fennisen in Berwick upon Tweed And when calling for his Landlord and he appearing asked him if he knew him or ever heard of him and saith he I am Thomas the Kymer.

And according to my promise I am going for Scotland in fullfilling of my promise to many in that Kingdom, that I would visit that Kingdom, and declare unto them things most certain; that

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that will be ſpeedily accompliſhed: And yet mo
wonderfull & ſurprizeing, which by moſt, will b
thought Altogether incredable, but will certainly
come to paſs, for as yet no man ever found m
a liar. But I muſt ſtay with you a day, againſt whic
Time, upon Berwick Common where the Cow
feed, there is to be fought the Bloodieſt Batt
of crows that ever was heard of ſince the mem
ory of Man and the Scots Crows have ſent expre
to Ireland for their aſiſtance
And over all England, Scotland, & Ireland, whe
I have been the Crows have left their eggs in the
Neſts to rot, and ſome yonng ones to die for hun
ger, In ſome towns where I have been the peo
le ſaid that did obſerve them that they Left on
Crow to feed halt a duzen of neſts, Until they di
Return back but as I think there will very few o
them turn back.
But in Belfaſt as Icame to take ſhipping for m
Native Country I heard the Boys making Gre
Moan they wou'd get no young Crows this ye
for their old ones were all Gone, The one ſwo
they went to England to get an Act againſt ſee
ing ſo many Putatos becauſe they would live be
ter if there was wheat and barly in place of the
but the other ſwore they had more wit, th
were Gone to Scotland, to the general aſſembly
Get a prayer made for good Weather; for t
Truſt time for they never minded that time
Pray for it: for if Truſt time were goodthe Tr

and nests would be in danger of being cut down for Winter-fireing. But another swore they were all Tory Crows they did not mind praying so much But I will assure you if you did know their mean they are more Inclined the other way for you will see to morrow they will take the Scotch Crows part against the English in the Battle fetring their policy and strengh, this fennision gaveno cridit to his words, neieher would he be at the pains to go with him to see the Batle thinking the relation was patch'd upon some design, but after the Batle was fought where so many thousands were killed and of those that remained alive most of them was deadly Wounded; the said Thomas Rymer & his Landlord went out to see the slain which couered some Accers of ground & before they have the use of the Ground were oblidged to carry them in Carts. so this Finnesten was very Inquisitive what the Batttle of those Crows ment which was denyed him, only telling that in the letter end of this Year or the begining of the next, there should happen strang things such cannotbe Conceived or thoug upon.

And there will some die about this time with whole hearts that is not expecting it; It is not the poor I mean but the fat ones, You know my Meaning.

But now Iell take my leave of you and proceed to my Native Contry as before mentioned

But when I return again I will discover to you of Futter Event.

But in the mean time, Came in a Sailor & began t
about the coming of the Crows from Ireland to Scotland,
on the Sea, a ſhip bound for Liverpool in her paſ
thither there came to the ſaid ſhip of Crows ſuch quan
as could not be numbered faſtning upon the Maſt ſail
Deck which put the ſhip in great danger by Reaſon
ſails could not have their wonted or accuſtomed Lib
or Vigor which put all the ſhips Crew in the gre
Conſternation, ſuppoſſing them all to be Infernal Sp
ſent from the Devil, to puniſh them bodily for their
which precipitate Surprize, obliged both Maſter
Servants to bow their knees, & ſuddently fall to pra
while the Noiſe of the Crows was ſo prevalent, that
of the ſhips Crew could hear one another, Verily ſa
ſing they were at Hells gates by Reaſon of the noiſe,
eing that there were nothing of any Likeneſs the
vil could ſooner appear in then a Crow not being prep
tfor our change to take our Journey to anotner W
his
ſtruck us all in Amazement I ſhall Leave it to the ſa
Reader to Conſider the Condition of the Maſter of
ſhip and his Crew for had not thoſe Crows, found th
Juge in the time of their Extremity, then they had p
ed in the ſea, and therefore they were obliged to
a Virtue of neceſſity

When Thomas the Rymer comes next from Sco
to my houſe you may aſſuredly expect a full account
Converſe and in the mean time wiſhing all happi
the Reader

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